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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MCINTYRE ET AL.

Examiner

Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,8-10 and 12-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,8-10,12-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Response to Office Action, received 3 May 2007, is acknowledged. Claims 1-3, 12, 14, 15, 17-20, and 22 have been amended. Claims 4-7 and 11 have been canceled. New claims 23-26 have been added.
2. Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 12-26 are pending and under consideration.

Rejections/Objections Withdrawn/Moot

3. The rejection of claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 101, claimed recitation of a use, without setting forth any steps involved in the process, is moot in light of the cancelation of the claims.
4. The rejection of claim 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness, is moot in light of the cancelation of the claims.
5. The rejection of claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matson et al (U.S. Pat. No. 4,599,310), is moot in light of the cancelation of the claims.
6. The objection to Figures 1-11 and 13-21 is withdrawn.

Rejections Maintained

7. The rejection of claims 1-3 and 8-10 and now newly added claims 12-17 and 26, under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter, is maintained for reasons of record.

The amendment of the claims to recite "killed" and that the composition comprises a range of amount of the killed cells remains reading on products of nature because products of nature may contain dead and live cells. Newly added claims 12-17 and 26 are added to this rejection because they would have been included in the original rejection if present at that time.

8. The rejection of claims 1-3 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matson et al (U.S. Pat. No. 4,599,310), is maintained for reasons of record.

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Applicants argue that the cited reference does not teach an immune modulator or a pharmaceutical composition comprising the listed killed cells.

The examiner has considered applicants' argument, but does not find it persuasive for reasons of record. The only component of the claimed compositions are the listed bacteria. Matson et al, as originally stated, does teach compositions comprising a *Nocardioide*s species and teaches the utilization of the bacteria in the manufacture for the treatment/prevention of cancer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

9. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

10. Claims 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are dependent from rejected claims.

Conclusion

11. No claims are allowed.

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire

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on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1645, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Jeffrey Siew, can be reached on (571)272-0787.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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